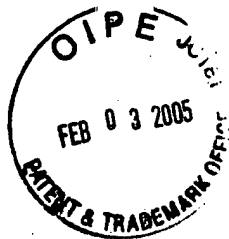


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Communication, mailed July 19, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before January 19, 2005. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 502648 Reference No. Cura 374 CON. Applicant claims small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

Respectfully submitted,

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